THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) There is a demand for the formation of a 'Jharkhand' State to be carried out of the States of Bihar, Orissa, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh. There is also a demand for the formation of 'Uttaranchal' State comprising the eight hill districts of the Kumaon and Garhwal Divisions of Uttar Pradesh. Both the demands are still under consideration.

Joint task-force for Chakma refugees

664. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Bangladesh have decided to set up a Joint task force to deal with the problem of influx of Chakma refugees and illegal immigrants; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) During the recent visit of the Bangladesh Prime Minister, the Prime Minister of Bangladesh of India in Joint Communique agree to arrange speedy repatriation of all Chakma refugees to Bangladesh in full safety and security. In this context, the Bangladesh side agreed to set up a representative political level Committee that would encourage the refugees to return. The Indian side assured that its authorities would cooperate fully in the process of repatriation.

They also expressed their determination to stop movement of people across the border by all possible means including strengthening of existing arrangements and mutual cooperation in this regard.

Political Process in J & K

665. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:
SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to initiate political process in J & K before poll;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of political parties and national leaders with whom Government have initiated dialogue in this matter;

(d) whether elections would be held in J & K after fresh delimitation of constituencies; and

(e) whether Government will ensure rehabilitation of Kashmiri migrants to their respective places before the elections are held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (e) The Government has made sincere efforts to consult different shades of opinion to evolve a national concensus on J & K. Regular discussions with the leaders of the Political Parties have been held on the situation in J & K. Home Minister discussed it with the State leaders on 13th November, 1991 and the National Integration Council deliberated on it on 31st December, 1991; followed by on all party conference held on 10th February, 1992. Consultative Committee of the Parliament has also held discussions on J & K on 13th December, 1991 and 5th May, 1992 and again on 29th June, 1992.

The Government is keen to hold elections as soon as favourable conditions for free and fair elections are created. No definite time frame can however, be set for elections at this stage.

Efforts will be to enable all eligible voters in the State, including Kashmiri migrants, to participate in the elections when held.

Caste clashes in Kumher in Rajasthan

666. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Kumher town in Bharatpur District, Rajasthan, caste clashes took place recently resulting in deaths of a number of persons belonging to Scheduled Castes;

(b) if so what steps Government propose to take to apprehend the culprits and prevent recurrence of such type of incidence;

(c) what was the amount of compensation paid by Government to the relatives of these unnfortunate victims;

(d) whether any judicial enquiry was also conducted into the whole incident, if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether there is any demand for visit of a Joint Parliamentary Committee to probe into the incident; and

(f) if so, what is Government's response thereto and other measures Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Governments/Union Territory Administrations it is for them to take action to register cases, to undnertake investigation, apprehend culprits and file cases in the Court of law. The steps to prevent recurrence of such incidents are to be taken by the State Government.

(c) Apart from madical aid to the injured persons and treatment of cattle, cash relief to totalling Rs. 4147989 has been paid to the dependents of the deceased persons and to the affected families.

(d) The Government of Rajasthan has ordered a judicial enquiry into the incident of Kumher riots and Shri K. S. Lodha, retired Judge of the Rajasthan High Court has been appointed as One Man Commission under the Commission of Inquiry Act.

(e) and (f) On the request of the State Government, the Government of India has handed over investigation of the cases arising out of Kumher incidents to the Central Bureau of Investigation.

Youth Parliament competitions

667. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state the number of Youth Parliament competitions held during the last three years, year-wise and state-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): This Ministry organises two Youth Parliament Competitions each year—one for the schools of Delhi Administration and the other for the Kendriya Vidyalayas all over the country. In the years 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92, 53, 21 and 30 Delhi Administration Schools and 113,107 and 108 Kendriya Vidyalayas respectively took part in the competition.

We have also given financial assistance to the following States-UTs for organising Youth Parliament Competitions in their States/UTs during the last three years:—